

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Thursday, January 12, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Absent—Bowers.

Journals of Tuesday and Wednesday read and approved.

By request of Senator Douglas, Senator Fountain was allowed to pair off with Senator Bowers.

Senator Mills offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Senate now proceed to elect officers to fill the positions of Secretary of the Senate and other minor offices, excepting pages and messengers.

Pending discussion, message was announced from the House by committee, informing the Senate the House had completed its organization, and was ready to proceed to business.

Senator Fountain moved that the rules adopted at the provisional session be adopted for the guidance of the present session.

Carried.

Question recurring upon the adoption of resolution offered by Senator Mills, Senator Ruby moved its adoption.

Resolution adopted.

The President then announced that nominations were in order.

Senator Ford put in nomination A. R. Parsons for Secretary.

Senator Flanagan put in nomination Charles Campbell for Secretary of the Senate.

Senators Hall, Douglas and Flanagan were appointed tellers.

Vote as follows :

Parsons..... 13

Campbell..... 15

Charles Campbell, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Secretary.

Senator Flanagan put in nomination L. Chalmers for Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Hall put in nomination E. L. James for Assistant Secretary.

Vote as follows :

Chalmers.....	15
James.....	13

L. Chalmers, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary.

Senator Flanagan put in nomination, A. R. Parsons for Second Assistant Secretary.

Senator Hertzberg put in nomination F. W. Davis for Second Assistant Secretary.

Vote as follows :

Parsons.....	16
Davis.....	11
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A. R. Parsons, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Second Assistant Secretary.

Senator Saylor put in nomination A. Faulkner for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Senator Flanagan moved that A. Faulkner be elected by acclamation.

Carried.

Senator Ruby put in nomination Thomas Powell for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Senator Flanagan put in nomination Doc. Durham for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Vote as follows :

Durham.....	16
Powell.....	12

Durham having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Senator Pridgen offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be permitted to appoint the clerks for the committees of Engrossment and Enrollment.

Senator Pridgen moved a suspension of the rules to consider the resolution.

Motion to suspend rules lost.

Senator Flanagan put in nomination A. H. Cook for Engrossing Clerk.

Senator Baker put in nomination D. M. Porter for Engrossing Clerk.

Senator Pridgen put in nomination John Evans for Engrossing Clerk.

Vote as follows :

Cook.....	13
Porter.....	14
Evans.....	1

Neither candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, a new ballot was ordered.

Senator Pridgen withdrew the name of John Evans ; thereupon the Senate proceeded to ballot again, with the following result :

Cook.....	14
Porter.....	14

Neither candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, the Senate proceeded to ballot again, with the following result :

Cook.....	14
Porter.....	14

Neither candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, on motion of Senator Bell the Senate adjourned to ten o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.
